# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:345
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TAXES OUTSTANDING
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of tax payers during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of outstanding amount of various taxes during the last three years, sector-wise;

(c) the reason for not realising the outstanding amount;

(d) whether the Government has announced any rebate and incentives to encourage timely deposit of taxes; and

(e) if so, the details of?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.345 for answer on 07.09.2007

(a): The total number of tax payers, units paying central excise and assessees paying service tax for the last three years are as under:

| Financial Year | Direct taxes Number of tax payers (in lakhs) | Indirect taxes No. of units/assessees paying Central Excise | Service Tax |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2004-05 | 308.08 | 94998 | 403856 |
| 2005-06 | 315.37 | 92097 | 420636 |
| 2006-07 | 319.26 | 92035 | 434431 |

(No data on number of taxpayers paying custom duty is available as custom duty is collected Bill of entry-wise)

(b): The outstanding demand for last three years for Direct Taxes as well as Indirect taxes is as given below:

(Rs. in crore)

| Financial Year | Direct taxes | Indirect taxes |
|---|---|---|
| 2004-05 | 79,390 | 15659.09 |
| 2005-06 | 92,082 | 21593.43 |
| 2006-07 | 1,16,453 | 26024.78 |

(Sector-wise details are not maintained separately)

(c): The reasons for non realization of the outstanding demand include stay orders by Supreme Court/High Courts/CESTAT/ITAT etc.; inadequacy of asset; assessees not traceable; companies under liquidation; cases pending before BIFR, Settlement Commission etc.; cases relating to Public Sector Units pending with COD; proceedings initiated by Debt Recovery Tribunal etc.

(d) & (e) : No, Sir. The Government has not announced any rebate and incentive to encourage timely deposit of taxes.